

CLOSING RATES
Yesterday's closing rates of cotton and gold: New York, cotton, 11 1/2; Memphis, 13 1/2; New York, gold, closed at 113 1/2; Memphis, 112 1/2.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.
WASH. MET. OFFICE, APR. 18, 1876.
For Tennessee, the Ohio valley, rising followed by falling barometer, northeast to northwest winds, cool, followed by warmer clear weather.

The Mississippi river will begin to rise at Memphis, and continue at or near danger line from Memphis during the rest of the week.

Attention of parents and guardians is called to the circular from the Women's Christian association of Philadelphia.

The insurrection in Algeria has ended. So says the telegraph. But it does not say whether there were any Arabs roasted by another Pelissier or not.

The United States supreme court yesterday afternoon reversed the decision of the Illinois railroad cases, holding that the railroad's remedy for alleged excessive or illegal taxation is not by injunction, but only by suit at law after paying taxes.

In the senate yesterday the committee on privileges and elections reported a resolution, which was ordered printed and to lie on the table, that F. B. S. Piechack be paid the amount of mileage and compensation of a senator from the beginning of his term to the termination of the contest.

NEGOTIATIONS between Spain and the Vatican have been suspended. The Spanish government has announced that it will accept the concordat of 1851, except the clause, declaring religious unity. Spain will wait from proposals from the Vatican before resuming negotiations. The pope has written an autograph letter to King Alfonso, reminding him of his promise to maintain religious unity and the concordat of 1851.

The expropriation of the monasteries and convents in Greece is proposed. There are now one hundred and thirty-eight monasteries and seven nunneries, with seventeen hundred and twenty-nine monks and one hundred and eighty nuns in Greece. The yearly income of the conventual property is about a hundred and one thousand dollars, and the full value of the monasteries is estimated at from thirty to fifty million of francs.

The President yesterday signed the act to provide for the deficiency in the printing and engraving bureau of the treasury department, and for the issue of silver coin of the United States in place of fractional currency. In view of this, the treasury regulations to govern the issue of silver currency were the subject of consideration at the department, but have not yet been fully determined on. They may be passed today, but there is a possibility of a delay of two or three days before they are completed.

IN VIEW of an advance on silver, occasioned by the announcement of a new loan of twenty million dollars, to be put on the London market shortly, and the passage by congress of our new silver currency bill, the fear is expressed that we will be left without a small currency for the purposes of change. With the great abundance and ready production of the metal in this country, however, such a result seems hardly probable. The coin, we take it, when once out, will keep the field, as there will be abundance of bullion for melting up besides.

We publish elsewhere a card from Mr. John C. Harrison, the gentleman who says that Brother Blaine got the sixty-four thousand dollars paid by the Union Pacific railroad company for a lot of bonds representing seventy-five thousand dollars, and which were worth ten cents on the dollar at their face value. He is a banker living in Indianapolis, a political and personal friend of Senator Morton, and a man of great independence and force of character. He possesses an ample fortune, and it is said, is not likely to be coerced either by friend or foe. Mr. Harrison sticks to his story, and professes an entire willingness to tell it in all its details to a committee of congress.

This secretary of the treasury yesterday advised for bids to be opened on the twenty-fourth instant for the sale of the five per cent. coupon or registered bonds of the (funded loan of 1851, authorized by the acts of July 14, 1870, and January 20, 1871, bearing interest payable quarterly from May 1, 1876, in lots of not less than one-half million dollars, to the total amount of five million eight hundred and eighty-three thousand dollars. The bonds will be sold for gold, and payment thereon made within three days after acceptance by the department of bids. Each bid must be accompanied by a gold deposit of two per cent. of the amount thereof, and no bid at less than par in coin will be considered. Payment may be made at the United States assistant-treasurer's office, New York, and the bonds will be delivered at the treasury, in Washington, or, if preferred, at the office of the assistant-treasurer of the United States at New York, at the expense of the purchaser. The gold received by the sale of these bonds will be applied to the payment of the awards by the commissioners of the Alabama claims.

THE HOUSE of representatives, war, yesterday, after return from impeachment proceedings in the senate, exclusively engaged in debate upon the Kilbourne habeas corpus case, in which Blaine and Tucker, of Virginia, had another bout of it, the latter turning his opponent down after much close fighting. Mr. Tucker proposed an amendment to the resolution proposed by a majority of the judiciary committee, directing the sergeant-at-arms to appear by counsel before the court, and to make motion to quash or dismiss the writ, or to take such other procedure as he should be advised, to raise the question of the legality and propriety of an issue of writ, on the state of the petition, and on the merits of the case, and to return to the same, and that in the meantime he retain custody

of Kilbourne, and not produce it without further order of the house. This was rejected by a vote of 86 to 149, when the substitute by Mr. Lynde, directing the sergeant-at-arms to make a return to the writ and produce Mr. Kilbourne before the court, was adopted by a vote of 165 to 75. The great body of the Republican members, and nearly half of the Democratic members, voted for the substitute.

In another part of this issue of the APPEAL we publish a communication from a member of the Women's Christian association, in regard to the use of tobacco and the good that might be done by the application of the money expended for the weed to the purposes for which the association exists. Though logically written we doubt that this appeal will have any great weight with smokers and chewers to induce them to forego an expensive habit, but it certainly ought to have at least the good result of attracting attention to one of the nobles and most generously conceived of all our charities. Similar in every respect to that known as the "Good Samaritan," for which Colonel Michael Magway has done so much, it is equally worthy the generous support of the public and of being sustained by some one or more of our wealthy Protestants. The work of the Women's Christian association is a most noble one, embracing as it does the rescue of unfortunate women from a life into which many of them drift without any volition or will of their own, and supplying them with labor and a home. We appeal to our citizens in behalf of so eminently beneficent a mission, and to our reverent and patriotic citizens, and to our noble and noble conduct, it, they are invited to help it they will respond promptly and liberally.

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THE NEW SILVER COIN.
The country to be warned against counterfeit fractional notes.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The silver bill has not reached the President, but will be taken up by Congress tomorrow. Before the secretary of the treasury, who returned to Washington last night, can act, he must receive a certified copy of the bill, and then the assistant treasurer must be instructed, all of which will require at least several days. The treasury has on hand twenty million dollars in silver coin and bullion. It will only be issued in redemption of fractional currency, and extra-legal silver notes are not more than thirty million dollars. It will be required to redeem the existing outstanding fractional currency, one-third of the forty-five million dollars being undoubtedly lost and destroyed.

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INDIANAPOLIS, April 17.—Mr. Harrison's following card in connection with the article in the Indianapolis Herald of April 15, is published: "When the article in the Indianapolis Herald of April 15, was published, I was greatly surprised, as I had not been instrumental, directly or indirectly, in giving this matter publicity. In January, 1873, I telegraphed to Mr. J. J. Jones, of Little Rock, and Fort Smith, and grant bonds held as assets by the Union Pacific railroad, and in the same communication, in relation to some valuable books of the company showed they had paid a large sum of money, and gave certain questions to be asked. In not receiving the reports of the duty assigned to the committee, no such questions were ever put by them; and then, on February 3, 1874, I wrote to the chairman of the committee, Mr. J. J. Jones, and gave him the same questions, and he gave me no answer. I am conscious that I have been faithful to my trust, and am ready to say, before any tribunal or congressional committee, whenever called. I have no objection to the publication of any person." J. C. HARRISON.

THE DICTATOR.
How She Was Wrecked and how She Wrecked the Hannibal Bridge.

ST. LOUIS, April 17.—The towboat Dictator, belonging to Huse, Loomis & Co., ice dealers, of this city, collided with the bridge at Hannibal, Missouri, at eight o'clock this morning, and was completely wrecked. Harry Young, a clerk, and eight others of the crew, names unknown, were drowned. No particulars yet.

ST. LOUIS, April 17.—The Republic's special from Hannibal, referring to the wreck of the Dictator, says the boat struck the bridge at half past three, instead of eight o'clock. She was going upstream, and as the engine was under the stern, she was drawn away from the current and struck the pier amidships, where she was completely wrecked. The Dictator was a small boat, and was carrying a cargo of coal. She was owned by Huse, Loomis & Co., and was captained by Harry Young. She was carrying a cargo of coal, and was going upstream. She was completely wrecked, and eight persons were drowned. The wreck was discovered at half past three this morning.

MASS CONVENTION.
In accordance with resolutions passed by the Democratic and Conservative Executive Committee of Shelby county at a meeting held April 11, 1876, hereby call the Democratic and Conservative voters of Shelby county to meet in Mass Convention at Exposition Building, city of Memphis, on the

First Monday in May Next,
at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Democratic State Convention to be held at Nashville on the 31st day of May next, to appoint delegates to the Democratic National Convention to be held in the city of St. Louis on the 27th day of June next, to nominate candidates for the offices of President and Vice-President.

All good citizens who intend to support the nominees of the Democratic National Convention are invited to participate in the Convention. This Mass Convention will also elect an Executive Committee for Shelby county to succeed the present Democratic and Conservative Executive Committee. M. J. WALDRON, Secy. CHAS. H. LEWIS, and Com. Com. Memphis, April 15, 1876.

Pure Ice Cream!
We direct the attention of the ladies and gentlemen to the fact that we have just received from the Creamery of SPEIGHT & WALKER, No. 27 Madison street. This splendid establishment, the order in the city is the best in the country, where they serve the choicest ice cream. Sherry, and give special attention to orders for ice cream promptly delivered. Wholesale and retail. M. J. WALDRON, Secy.